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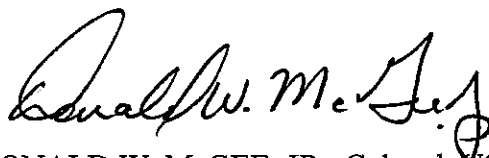
SUBJECT: Seatbelt/Cell Phone Enforcement and Accountability

1. There have been a significant number of violations of Air Force instructions and current Buckley AFB policies regarding seatbelt and cell phone use (without a hands-free device) while driving on base. AF instructions and current Buckley AFB policies ensure the safety of all base personnel/assets, whether driver, passenger, pedestrian or structure. Base driving is a privilege offered to those who comply with the required safety standards and instructions, and everyone, regardless of service, active or retired status, military member or dependent, civilian guest or contractor, or anyone else driving on Buckley AFB, is subject to these instructions. While the majority of base drivers are safe and compliant, I am enacting an aggressive program to detect and hold accountable all persons who violate these policies.
2. In accordance with AFI 91-207, *The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, all people in a moving motor vehicle on Air Force installations (or off an installation when using government vehicles) must ensure operability and use of available installed occupant protective devices (restraints, air bags, child safety seats, etc.). It is also Department of Defense policy (AFI 31-218(I), *Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision*) that all active duty and Reserve Component members (on active Federal Service) wear seat belts at all times when operating or riding in a motor vehicle, on or off base. Failure to wear seat belts may be considered in making line-of-duty determinations if an injury is from such nonuse or noncompliance with DoD and Air Force policies. The state of Colorado also has similar safety and seatbelt wear requirements.
3. In accordance with AFI 31-204, 460ABWSUP1. Failure to wear seatbelts while operating a motor vehicle may result in the vehicle operator receiving up to a 30-day suspension of installation driving privileges. Repeat offenses will be tracked and dealt with on a case-by-case basis. In addition, operating a motor vehicle while driving privileges are suspended/revoked will result in an additional two-year suspension or revocation.
4. In accordance with AFI 31-218 (I), vehicle operators on a DoD installation and operators of government owned vehicles will **not** use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. Violation of this policy could result in administrative action or UCMJ action for active duty and Reserve Component members.
5. Security Forces personnel and commanders enforce these policies. For military violators, SF will issue a DD Form 1408, *Armed Forces Traffic Ticket*, which will be immediately turned over to the member's commander to take appropriate administrative or disciplinary actions. For

civilian seat belt use violators (family members, guests, visitors, contractors, etc.) SF will issue a DD Form 1805, *United States District Court Violation Notice*, which may require a Federal Magistrate Court appearance. SF will also turn the ticket over to the applicable commander to take appropriate administrative action. For civilian personnel found to have violated the cell phone policy, Security Forces will gather personnel data such as name, unit, etc., and turn that information over to the applicable commander to take appropriate administrative action. Civilian contractor employees working on Buckley AFB who violate this policy will be identified to the commander of the organization they are supporting, who in-turn will immediately identify any violation to the government contracting officer overseeing the specific contract.

6. To ensure compliance with these requirements, I'm having all 460 SW commanders and requesting all tenant unit commanders to ensure either the unit commander, E-9s, and/or First Sergeants/equivalent conduct frequent no-notice spot checks on seatbelt wear, cell phone usage, and related safety requirements. The base driving safety awareness program has been strong, and while awareness is certainly key to a good safety program, enforcement ensures violators don't put others at risk. Those violating these policies risk losing their driving privileges on base, and may face other administrative or disciplinary actions.

7. I require all drivers on Buckley AFB to comply with these requirements at all times. The simple reality is that seatbelts save lives. Always wear them when driving, and ensure those for whom you are responsible wear them as well. On or off base, lead by example and set the standard. Save lives!



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